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Summary

Pawbert finds a snake trying to steal his family's diary; he's hesitant but decides to team up with his new partner, Gary

Notes

My primary language is not English.
I watched Zootopia 2 and was thrilled with the movie!!! This chapter takes place before the events of the film, showing how Pawbert met Gary

See the end of the work for more notes

Chapter 1: A new partner?

In Zootopia, there would be a very important party involving the city's elites. The Lynxley family were the party hosts who received the most attention. Pawbert was the youngest son in his family, he was often criticized by his brothers for his father, and his mother was not present in his life. The young man was too tired and wanted to be recognized by his family, to be a part of everything, and his father's attention would be wonderful for him.

The party was as usual, with many people talking, and Pawbert was alone, lost in his thoughts. He decided to take a look at his family's diary, he listened quite a bit at dinnertime, and since his family was busy, he decided to go upstairs and take a look.

Climbing the stairs, Pawbert looked directly down the hallway and saw no one. He opened the door to his father's room; the door had fingerprint recognition, but since he was family, he had access, His plan was to enter the room, look at the diary, and then delete it from the room's visitor history on the computer in the security room downstairs. Pawbert was very good at making plans, even though most of them went wrong.

He opened the door and closed it, finding the diary; with his fingerprint, the box opened and the security lasers deactivated.

"Finally, I will learn our family's secret" He was inspired by placing the book on his father's desk. "Damn it, it won't open!!!" Pawbert grumbled loudly.

While I was nervous, he heard a noise on the floor, got scared, and hid the book behind his back.

"Who's here?!" Pawbert asked, startled.

He noticed a shadow; that shadow approached him, and when it removed its cloak, it revealed itself to be a reptile.

"A reptile!?" he asked, surprised and a little scared. "Are you going to kill me?" Pawbert asked.

"No, I'm not going to kill you..."The snake replied approaching Pawbert. "I have come to take what is in your hands..."He said looking into Pawbert's eyes.

"I can't give you that... This diary belongs to my family..."Answered Pawbert by straightening the collar of his shirt.

"Are you Cattrick?"The snake asked.

"No... I'm Pawbert..."Replied Pawbert disappointed.

"I've never seen you in the magazines..."Replied The Snake.

"Yeah I'm kind of invisible in my family..."Replied Pawbert. "But what is your name? Pawbert asked anxiously.

"I will not say my name... I don't want to hurt anyone, just help my family..."The snake responded by leaving the room.

"I can help you!!!" Said Pawbert following the snake.

"We can meet tomorrow in the Sahara in the tents near Sahara Square..." Said the snake.

"There are a lot of tents there..."Replied Pawbert.

"I'll find you there..." Replied the snake coming out of the corridor.

Pawbert didn't want to follow the snake, he didn't know if that snake was alone or accompanied, but that would be the perfect moment for Pawbert to get some value in his family.

"Where were you, Pawbert?" Kitty asked.

"I had gone to my room..." Pawbert replied, entering the party.

"Cattrick and I already told you that you have to do something really important for your dad to show you what's in the diary..."Kitty replied, laughing.

"Like, what would I have to do?!" Pawbert asked irritably.

"Pawbert can't possibly open that silly diary of yours!!!" Kitty said, walking away from Pawbert.

"I'm going to be able to open that diary...That snake wasn't scary or threatening, it didn't poison me, and I feel hypnotized, He's very charming, we'll be an amazing duo..." Pawbert thought.

Chapter 2: Secret meeting

Chapter Summary

Pawbert goes to the meeting point to find Gary

Chapter Notes

Sorry for the delay!!! Here's the second chapter!!!!

See the end of the chapter for more notes

Pawbert woke him up one earlier than usual, as his family's house was huge he was able to leave without having to give any satisfaction to anyone. He took his motorcycle and went straight to the meeting point. Arriving at the place Pawbert parked his motorcycle and sat on a bench in Sahara Square.

"I'm looking like an idiot here alone..." Pawbert thought.

He looked up and saw a Zootopia sign, he looked more intently thinking about the details and saw a snake tail.

"I'm not crazy it must be him..." Thought Pawbert getting up and walking to the sign. "How am I going to get up here? Pawbert thought looking at a staircase in the building on a dead end street.

The Lynx tried to climb but he is quite fumbled, he slipped his feet and was left with only his hands holding on.

"Hi friend!!! Said the snake slithering down the stairs.

"Wowww...." Shouted Pawbert falling to the ground.

"I scared you!? Asked the snake helping Pawbert to his feet.

"It didn't scare me I'm a little bit of a mess... I didn't know you were on the stairs and I ended up falling..." Replied Pawbert wiping his arm.

"Before I tell you about my plan, I need to know if you'll agree to help me bring my family back to Zootopia, even if it involves your father..." Explained the snake.

"I agree to help you!!!" Pawbert said excitedly.

"Really?" Said Gary approaching with hypnotized eyes.

"You're trying to hypnotize me..." Replied Pawbert hypnotized.

"I will not hypnotize you I trust you!!!" Said the happy snake.

Pawbert gave a smile by putting his hand behind his neck.
"I'm not one to trust people, but in you I feel something I can't explain... Can you understand?" Said the snake.

"I'm not one to trust people either, but I trust some and I always want to help whoever I can..." Replied Pawbert.

"Then let's go to the dunes!!! I have a place where I can go there." The snake explained, getting into a box.

"There's no need to hide, I have a motorcycle and we can go together!!!" Pawbert said enthusiastically. "I'm going to bring my motorcycle here... Wait for me here!!!" Pawbert explained, running after the motorcycle.

The snake didn't hesitate and waited a few minutes until it saw Pawbert with the motorcycle. The snake smiled at Pawbert and approached.

"Wow, your motorcycle is really beautiful!!!" the snake complimented, placing its hand on the motorcycle.

"Then let's go!!!" Pawbert replied, shaking the keys.

Pawbert sat on the motorcycle, but only then thought about how his partner would look on the bike.

"I think I'm going to have to wrap myself around you..." Said the snake laughing.

Pawbert's cheeks turned red, this had never happened to him before. The snake wrapped itself around Pawbert, the Lynx lifting the top of his sweater leaving the snake only on his white shirt and then put the green clothing on top, so the snake could not be seen.

"It's comfortable for you!? Pawbert asked a little embarrassed.

"Yes, it is... You can call me Gary!!!" Replied the snake with a slight laugh.

"So Here We Go Gary!!!"
Said Pawbert starting the motorcycle.

The pair rode motorcycles until they both arrived, at first Pawbert was embarrassed but soon he was feeling more comfortable with Gary. Upon arriving at the dunes Gary got out of Pawbert's sweater, the Lynx gave a little laugh because of the tickling.

"It's those tents..." Said Gary stretching his tail as if it were an index finger.

Pawbert nodded his head, and drove to the spot. the two got off the bike and walked to the tent.

"Welcome to my home!!!" Said Gary opening the entrance to the tent.

"Do you live here!?" Pawbert asked, confused.

"No, but I come to Zootopia once a month to try to get the diary..." Explained Gary entering the tent.

"Don't you think that's dangerous?" Pawbert asked.

"Yes, it's very dangerous. Every time I come to Zootopia I get scared, but the situation for my species in recent years has only gotten worse and I can't let this fear take over me..." Gary replied, sounding a little sad.

"You are very brave for that!!! I wanted to have your courage..." Said Pawbert sitting down on a rug.

"You are already brave for being here..." Gary replied by resting his tail on Pawbert's shoulder.

Pawbert's cheeks turned even redder, it was the first time anyone had touched him like that.

"Sorry to touch you..."
Said Gary pulling out his tail.

"No pro-problems..." Stammered Pawbert putting his hand behind his ear.

The two stayed talking, Gary explained everything about snakes and reptiles, Pawbert also explained about his family and everything he knew about the Lynxleys, he did not go so deep into his relationship with his family, but he had made it clear that he was unhappy to be mistreated and understands this feeling.

"So we have an agreement?" Prop Gary extending his tail.

"We do!!!" Replied Pawbert with a smile stretching his paw.

"As you liked the place, you can bring your favorite things to put in the tent." Said Gary following Pawbert.

"I will certainly bring a lot of things!!!" Replied Gary getting on his motorcycle.

"There will be room to put!!!" Said Gary laughing.

"See you later Gary!!! Pawbert said goodbye.

"See you later!!!" Replied Gary waving his tail.

"He is so fine..." Thought Gary entering the tent.

After a while, Pawbert returned home. His brothers saw him in the hallway and asked where he had been. The boy didn't say anything, but he was already undecided about which side he would choose.

Chapter End Notes

I hope you enjoyed it!!! I love them so much and I can't stop thinking about their dynamic!!! I love it when Pawbert uses his motorcycle with Gary

Chapter 3: Indecision

Chapter Summary

The atmosphere within the Lynxley family is leaving Pawbert torn between which side to choose – the side of the reptiles or the Lynxleys.

Chapter Notes

I'm absolutely loving writing the chapters; I can't stop thinking about their dynamics!!!

See the end of the chapter for more notes

It was another day at Lynxley Manor, breakfast with a daily discussion between Kitty and Cattrick, the two brothers only coming together when it came to humiliating Pawbert or telling him to be quiet. The only times they would come together were to talk about their father or judge other families.

"Aren't you going to say," Good Morning, Pawbert?" Questioned Cattrick sitting at the dinner table.

"He has no mouth to answer!!!" Kitty said retreating from the table.

"How mature you are!" Replied Pawbert laughing as he sat down at the table.

"It's weird that you respond to us like that... I'm sure he's up to something." Said Cattrick over a cup of coffee.

"Me? Getting something ready..." Said Pawbert pretending to be believing.

"Pawbert is growing up!!!" Answered Kitty putting her head out of the door of the room.

Cattrick gave a small smile, while Pawbert smiled shyly.

That moment that Pawbert was witnessing was very special, normally he did not smile at the comments of his brothers, but this time he smiled. After breakfast, the Lynx could not stop thinking about his father and Gary, he had just accepted Gary's proposal, he could not change his mind.

"Mr. Pawbert your father wishes to talk to you in his room." Said the Butler in the Hall.

"Thank you!" Replied Pawbert.

The Lynx felt stupid for saying "Thank you" I should say something better, that sounds pretty childish, he thought.

Pawbert went upstairs and knocked on his father's living room door. Milton gave the order for Pawbert to enter, and the young man went into the room.

"Pawbert, it's been so long since I've seen you." Milton said, gesturing for Pawbert to sit in the chair.

"I think it's been a week, you were traveling," Pawbert replied politely.

"Yes, I was traveling and arrived home last night, but that's a different matter and I need to talk to you." Milton said, walking around his room.

Pawbert's heart froze; he didn't know what his father was referring to, and if he found out that Pawbert was with Gary, it would be the end of him.

"I think it's about time you knew some of the things going on in our family, Pawbert." Milton explained, sitting down in his chair.

Pawbert swallowed hard, he was filled with happiness, but he had to maintain composure for his father.

"So Pawbert, our family is being threatened by someone regarding the patent for the Zootopia climate control barriers. If this patent is revealed, our family will suffer the consequences... Kitty and Cattrick are busy with their personal matters, and I wanted to suggest that you try to investigate who is threatening us." Milton said, looking at Pawbert.

"Oh, Dad, this is really important..." said Pawbert, gnawing on his claws.

"You seem anxious... Do you accept this proposal?" Milton asked.

Pawbert took a few seconds to answer, he was too anxious, and yet he still had control over the situation with Gary and could come up with some idea to please his father without hurting Gary.

"Yes, father, I accept!!!" Pawbert replied.

"What a good son!!!" Milton said.

That was the first time Milton had called Pawbert "son". After Pawbert accepted his father's proposal, Milton explained what Pawbert would have to do at the Zootopia harbor, He explained that it wouldn't be such a dangerous job for Pawbert, just espionage. Pawbert's inclusion in Milton's plan could be explained by the fact that Pawbert was not as well-known as Milton's son.

"Damn it, Pawbert, what do I do now?!" Pawbert thought, closing his bedroom door.

"I couldn't refuse my father's offer... He's my father!!!" Pawbert grumbled a little loudly.

"I need to tell Gary... But he won't understand, and I can't talk about my father in front of Gary, he won't understand either... I'm stuck in this situation..." Pawbert thought, sitting down on a beanbag with his guitar.

The lynx tried to play some melody on the guitar, but he couldn't concentrate. After a few minutes in the room, Pawbert remembered that he would have to meet Gary today in the dunes.

"I'm not late yet, I still have an hour..." Pawbert said, checking the time on his cell phone.

Pawbert grabbed some of his things and put them in a backpack. He looked at his guitar in his hands and decided to take it too. He opened his bedroom door very slowly and noticed that no one was in the hallway, After closing the door, he continued walking, but as he turned to go down the stairs, he bumped into Kitty.

"Watch where you're going, idiot!!!" Kitty grumbled, adjusting her blouse.

"Sorry... Kitty..." Pawbert replied anxiously, trying to pass.

"Wait a minute... Where are you going?" Kitty asked curiously.

"I'm going to sleep at a guy's house" Pawbert replied.

"Alone with a guy!?" Kitty asked, laughing.

"That's not what I meant, man, they're just some friends of mine!" Pawbert replied irritably.

"Don't be nervous, Pawbert!!! It just surprises me that you have friends..." Kitty said, giving Pawbert a tap on the head. "Good night Pawbert..." Kitty said.

"Good night, Kitty..." Pawbert replied, rolling his eyes.

The lynx left the mansion on its motorcycle and headed straight for the dunes. It rode across the sand until it found the tents. The inhabitants were unaware of Gary's presence there; the snake was sneaking into the tents, just like throughout Zootopia.

"Hello!! Is anyone here?" asked Pawbert, entering the tent.

Pawbert looked at the tent and began to look at Gary's things, there were very few.

"Hey man!!!" Gary said, emerging from a basket.

"Hi Gary!!!" Pawbert said, walking over to Gary.

"How are you, Pawbie?" Gary asked, looking at the things Pawbert had brought.

"I'd say I'm just tired..." Pawbert replied, putting his hand behind his head.

"Wow, that's a guitar!!!" Garry said, pointing to the guitar on Pawbert's back.

"Yes, this is my guitar!!!" Pawbert replied, picking up his guitar.

"I've never played a song on a guitar..." Gary said.

"Do you want to learn...right!?" Pawbert asked, knowing Gary's intention.

"You understand me very well... Of course I want to learn." Gary said, walking towards a rug.

"So let's go Gary!!!" said Pawbert, sitting down next to Gary.

"I learned to play guitar a little bit on my own, so I don't know if my tips will help you." Pawbert explained, picking up the guitar.

Pawbert demonstrated some techniques to Gary, and now it was Gary's turn to learn.

"So now it's your turn..." Pawbert said, handing the guitar to Gary.

"This is so much fun!!!" Gary said, wagging his tail to start playing. "I think it's better if you hold the guitar so I can start playing!!!" Gary said, laughing.

"Oh yeah, sorry!!!" Pawbert said, laughing.

"No need to apologize..." Gary replied.

Parwbeet held the guitar in his lap, Gary stretched his tail and began to play. At first, the melody was correct, but then Gary started playing faster and ended up playing the music in Pawbert's face. Pawbert started laughing.

"That tickles!!!" Pawbert said, laughing.

"I didn't know you were ticklish!!!" Gary said, stopping moving.

"Do snakes feel ticklish?" Pawbert asked, putting his guitar down beside him.

"I think it depends..." Gary explained.

Pawbert turned his head, and Gary turned too to see what Pawbert was looking at. At that moment, Pawbert tickled Gary.

"I'm not ticklish..." Gary said, laughing at Pawbert.

"Lucky you!!!" Pawbert said jokingly.

"And you lynxes play with balls of yarn?" Gary asked.

"That's just a myth..." Pawbert replied.

"Hmmm..." Gary said, reaching out and tossing a ball of yarn near Pawbert.

Pawbert looked at the ball, and his lynx instinct kicked in, so he immediately went to play with it.

"It wasn't a myth!!!" Gary said, laughing.

"Oh my god, I hate this... It's fun to do this, but only alone..." Pawbert said, standing up, embarrassed.

"I thought it was really cute!!!" Gary said.

Pawbert's cheeks turned red again. They spent the whole night playing guitar until Gary managed to finish a whole song. They both had a lot of fun Pawbert was getting along much better with Gary than he should, their friendship was blossoming, and Pawbert was afraid of it.

Chapter End Notes

I loved writing this so much and sorry for the delay!!! I can't stop thinking about them and I really wanted a wonderful ending for them!!!

Chapter 4: The last day

Chapter Summary

> After a few months, the bond between Gary and Pawbert is strengthening. Today is the day of the big Lynxley family party, and Pawbert needs to put his plan into action.

Chapter Notes

> I love writing this fanfic!!! My language isn't English. I hope you enjoy this chapter!!!

See the end of the chapter for more notes

Gary was ready to meet Pawbert at the port. That meeting was complicated because there were two police officers at the scene looking for information. Pawbert didn't know the police officers' names, but he advised Gary to follow the plan carefully during the party.

"That was definitely the hardest day!!!" Gary said, a little worried.

"Are you okay?" Pawbert asked, driving the motorcycle.

"I'd say good, but I'm looking forward to today..." Gary replied, settling back on the motorcycle.

"We're almost at my house," Pawbert said, looking at Gary.

Pawbert's plan was to take Gary to his house, and once the party started it would be easier to steal the diary from his family. Upon arriving at the house, Pawbert entered through the back gate without being seen. The party was being prepared and all the helpers would be busy with the decorations, food, and everything else. With no one around, Pawbert put Gary in his backpack and took him to his room.

"This is my room!!!" Pawbert said, showing Gary his room.

"Wow, it's so beautiful!!!" Gary said, stepping out of the backpack.

"But I prefer my room in the tent!!!" Pawbert said, laughing.

Gary responded with a smile to Pawbert.

"Okay, you can stay here in my room until the party starts!" Pawbert said, lying down on his bed.

"Great idea!!!" Gary replied, lying down next to Pawbert.

Gary was almost closing his eyes, just like Pawbert. The boys were tired and were saving their energy for the night's plan. They had been lying there for a few minutes when someone knocked on Pawbert's bedroom door, and instantly they both woke up.

"Damn it, it must be my brothers..." Pawbert said, standing up.

"I'm going to hide..." Gary said quietly, hiding under the bed.

Pawbert went to the door, looked back, and saw that Gary had hidden himself.

"I'm coming!" said Pawbert, opening the door.

"What's taking you so long to answer the door?!" Cattrick said from outside.

"You haven't even gotten ready for the party yet!!!" Kitty said angrily.

"There are still three hours until the party," Pawbert replied wearily.

"I'm going to get ready now, you should do the same, and don't forget what Dad said!!!" Kitty said.

"What did he say?" Pawbert asked uncertainly.

"Oh no, you've already forgotten, Pawbert!!! You're so slow!!!" Cattrick said, placing his hand on his own face.

"Oh my god, Pawbert, I have to remind you: Rule 1: Don't wear a sweater to the party. Rule 2: Don't give interviews to any reporters. Rule 3: Don't bother the guests, especially us!!!" Kitty explained mockingly.

"It doesn't matter, I'm not going to disobey anything, in fact I don't even want to go!!!" Pawbert replied irritably.

"I know you want to go... So see you later." Cattrick said, placing his finger on Pawbert's chubby cheek and pushing him back.

"Bye Pawbert, see you later!!!" Kitty said goodbye with a light laugh.

Pawbert closed the bedroom door; he was embarrassed and a little annoyed, and the worst part was that Gary must have heard everything. As the door closed, Gary crawled out from under the bed and settled back into it. Pawbert approached the bed, walking slowly and dejectedly. Gary had heard everything and understood Pawbert's sadness. Pawbert sat sadly on the bed and put his hand to his cheeks.

"I'm sorry about that..." Pawbert said quietly.

"No need to apologize... Not everyone has a good relationship with their family." Gary said, looking at Pawbert.

"You're right..." Pawbert replied, turning and looking at Gary.

The two remained quiet for a while, Gary extended his tail, embracing Pawbert, the lynx reciprocated the gesture by allowing Gary to wrap his arms around him. Pawbert didn't want to get out of Gary's embrace, that feeling was the comfort Pawbert needed, and it was so nice to receive that from Gary from his family could be equal.

"I'd better get ready for the party." Said Pawbert pointing his finger at Gary's face.

"I'm curious to see your outfit!!" Said Gary excitedly.

"Good will be a suit!!!" Pawbert said with a laugh. "For me you should wear a suit too!!!" Suggested Pawbert smiling at Gary.

"I have to wear a cape, no one can see me..." Replied Gary taking his cloak from Pawbert's knapsack.

"It's a beautiful cover!!!" Replied Pawbert with a slight smile.

A while later Pawbert came out of his closet and was dressed in his tender green.

"I hate wearing a suit!!!" Complained Pawbert heading towards Gary.

"You're kidding!!! You look so beautiful in this suit!!!" Said Gary excitedly.

"You think so!?" Asked Pawbert doubtfully.

"Opinion of a snake!!!" Said Gary wrapping himself around Pawbert's body.

"It tickles!!" Reacted Pawbert with a slight laugh.

The two faces became close, Gary looked at Pawbert and came close to give him a kiss but then walked away.

"I'm sorry..." Gary said shyly.

Pawbert didn't answer him but decided to initiate a kiss that got out of control, allowing only Gary to take control. That had been Pawbert's first kiss.

"That was so good!!!" Gary said, stroking Pawbert's ears with his tail.

"I loved it so much!!!" Pawbert replied happily. "Damn, I have to go to the party soon... I didn't want to go," said Pawbert anxiously.

"Let's start the plan!!!" Gary said, going to put on his cape.

"See you soon!!!!" Pawbert replied, closing the bedroom door.

The lynx closed the bedroom door and went downstairs, some guests had already arrived. He descended the stairs, Pawbert couldn't stop thinking about his kiss with Gary.

"I wish he were here with me at this party... But I can't get emotionally attached to him..." Pawbert thought as he walked through the ballroom.

Looking closely at the plan, he noticed the chandelier and realized he was only minutes away from stealing it. With his sharp hearing, he heard a familiar voice.

"What are these police officers doing here?!" Pawbert thought, frightened. "I'll have to change my plans..." Lynx concluded, approaching Judy.

Chapter End Notes

I'm not good at writing kissing scenes!!! But I tried. I loved writing this chapter!!! I wanted to draw inspiration from the scene of Gary comforting Pawbert, like James Bond comforting Vesper in Casino Royale!!! I wanted to connect the ending of the fanfic with the events of the movie!!! In the scene where Pawbert bumps into Judy because he recognized her and Nick at the port at the beginning of the movie.

End Notes

I hope you enjoyed it!!! The new chapter will be released tomorrow!!!! Leave me some feedback!!!

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